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STORM DRIVES CRAFT TO PORT

BUT FEW OFFSHORE FISHING
VESSELS ARE AMONG THE
NUMBER.

The harbor is full of vessels today, both fisher craft and coasters, most of them driven in by the heavy easterly storm. Only a few craft are here from off-shore, consequently there is a scarcity of fish in port. About the whole of the shore fleet, both seiners and handliners are in, the latter bringing some pollock. A few were landed at the Fort this morning, but the majority will keep their fish in.

From the Cape Shore, sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, brings 20,000 pounds of halibut and some fresh and salt fish and sch. Marjorie Turner, from the same ground, has 15,000 pounds of halibut and also some fresh and salted fish. Sch. Pauline, from a handline Georges trip, has a small catch, 8000 pounds of salt cod.

Yesterday some of the shore fleet landed about 265 barrels of bluebacks, some going for bait fresh and the rest to the freezer, while the torchers have brought here 200 barrels of fresh herring since last report.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Juno, Cape Shore, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish, 6000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Pauline, Georges, handlining, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Marjorie Turner, Cape Shore, 18,000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Reliance, shore, 90 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Independence, shore, 70 bbls. bluebacks.

Sloop Rough Rider, shore, 50 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 10 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 45 bbls. bluebacks.

Torchers, 200 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Sch. Pinta, seining.

Sch. Catherine D. Eaos, shore.

Sch. Ramona, shore.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore.

Sch. Patriot, shore.

Sch. Olympia, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore.

Sch. Lillian, shore.

Sch. William H. Rider, shore, 1000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Massasoit, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Georgia, shacking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Alice, haddocking.

Sch. Terra Nova, haddocking.

Sch. Hertense, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.65 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.60 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.62 1-2, snappers, \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large, \$5.00 medium, \$4.50.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.15 per cwt. for large and \$4.65 for mediums.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, medium, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shak cod, \$4.65 for large and \$4.10 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Salted whiting \$2 per bbl.

Fetched halibut, 9 cts. per lb.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.55 per cwt.; medium, \$2 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.50 per cwt. for large and \$2.05 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Hake, \$1.00.

Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 1-2c per lb. for white and 8c for gray, also 9c per lb. right through.

Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.

Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.

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WELCOME THEM AS BUYERS

NEWFOUNDLAND PAPER ALSO
SHOWS ADVANTAGES FOR
FISH CURES.

The Harbor Grace, N. F., Standard, says:

"It will be remembered that Norman Munn and H. H. Archibald on a visit they took to the United States, sought to interest the world-wide known firm of the Gorton-Pew Co. of Gloucester, Mass., in the purchase and general handling on this east coast of codfish and other fishery products. Their mission has borne some fruit thus far, and bids fair to produce more. These citizens have been appointed agents for the company, and have made their plans to buy up all the fish suitable for the firm's purposes in a green or salt bulk state. They have appointed agents down the shore, and John G. Munn went north on Tuesday to appoint agents in other centers, and to buy in all the suitable fish he could meet with.

"The firm says they are prepared to offer the highest paying prices. We learn they do not make any cull, neither will they take fish from which the best has been taken. A good average Labrador salt bulk fish will suit their requirements, as will also other kinds of right sort.

"The public will of course welcome the incoming of this great firm into the local market. We trust it will be but the harbinger of more and greater good things to come. As we have often pointed out, so far as this town is concerned, it offers in the fine harbor, ample and cheaply obtained business premises, abundant labor, low house rentals, very fine water and electric light systems, railway connections, pure sea and country air, and other advantages well-known and 'too numerous to mention'—offers exceptional inducements to the manufacture of fish products as well as to the carrying on of other business enterprises. We would like to know without disparagement to St. John's and other towns which one surpasses this? Gloucester as a desirable fish-packing centre is far away behind, and we would like the Gorton-Pew and other companies to study the matter, and as enterprising business men 'govern themselves accordingly.'

"It comes into our minds here to say that the method of buying in or taking over the fishermen's catch in a green or salt bulk state, with the view of dry-curing it for the Mediterranean or other foreign markets will likely offer a solution of the problem, how to offset the keen competition of the French and Norwegians by supplying the dry-fish markets with good fish properly cured. There are no doubt difficulties in the way of putting this proposed method into general practice; but doubtless these can be got over."

HADDOCK HIGH AT T WHARF

THIS MORNING'S RECEIPTS NOT
ENOUGH TO SUPPLY TRADE
DEMANDS.

Two of the steam trawling fleet, the Crest and Foam, were on hand this morning, with half a dozen sailing vessels, to take advantage of the highest haddock market T wharf has seen for many days. The Crest with 50,000 pounds of haddock and 800 weight of cod will get handy to \$2000 out of it and she has been out but three or four days. The Foam has 38,000 pounds, practically all haddock and will also clean up a good stock for the few days she has been gone.

Haddock are selling at \$3.10 and \$3.80 and there was not enough in sight this morning to supply the demands of the trade.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, out but 42 hours and hauling for 22,000 pounds of fish, will make a nice trip as will sch. Eva and Mildred which has 35,000 pounds of fish, 32,000 weight of which are hake, which are selling at \$2 and \$3. Sch. Metamora, from the Channel, brings 35,000 pounds and sch. Yankee hails for 23,000 pounds, all haddock. From Georges the Provincetown sch. Mary C. Santos has 14,000 pounds of haddock and 15,000 pounds of cod, the latter bringing from \$5 to \$6.50 right through, which means good pay for her crew.

Another money producing catch is that of the seiner Clintonia with 4000 large fresh mackerel and 1500 small ones, the former selling at 35 cents per pound and the latter for 18 cents.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Yankee, 23,000 haddock.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 14,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Steamer Crest, 50,000 haddock, 800 cod.

Steamer Foam, 37,000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Metamora, 33,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 17,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 1000 cod, 32,000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Valentina, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Clintonia, 4000 large fresh mackerel and 1500 small fresh mackerel.

Haddock, \$3.10 to \$3.80 per cwt.; cod, \$5 to \$6.50; pollock, \$3.25; hake, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$3; large fresh mackerel, 35 cents each; small fresh mackerel, 18 cents each.

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FOUND BAIT SHORT AT ALL POINTS

FRANK C. PEARCE RETURNED
FROM TRIP TO NEWFOUND-
LAND AND LABRADOR.

Frank C. Pearce, of the Cunningham & Thompson Company, returned last evening from an extended business and observation trip which has taken him through Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and to Labrador as far north, on the front, as Domino Run.

In speaking of general conditions, Mr. Pearce says that the New England coast has been a great deal better off, as far as the bait question is concerned than any place which he visited. At Newfoundland, the bait supply all through the season had been noticeably short, while at Labrador many of the fishermen were sadly hampered by the lack of bait and after the trapping season, the bulk of what fish were taken were caught on jiggers.

The Labrador catch of codfish will be very short, although showing an improvement over last season.

During his Newfoundland and Labrador trip Mr. Pearce was treated finely by the Newfoundland government officials and was given every opportunity to go about the different parts of the coast and on the Labrador and part of the Newfoundland trip, was accompanied by Hon. A. W. Picott, the minister of marine and fisheries.

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MACKEREL IN SOUTH CHANNEL

SCH. DAUNTLESS BRINGS SALT
FARE FROM THE MAINE
COAST.

There are mackerel in South Channel. Capt. Herbert Green of the steam trawler Ripple saw them schooling and also caught some in his otter trawl. Capt. Green says the schools, which were of good size, were seen Friday and that same day he took five in the net. The captain reports that these are the first mackerel he ever caught in the otter trawl and thinks it indicates there are quite a lot of fish there. Those taken were of the largest kind and weighed between four and five pounds.

Sch. Dauntless, one of the few remaining seiners, arrived at this port this morning from the Maine coast and Boon Island grounds, with 32 barrels of salt mackerel on board. Capt. Farmer reports bad weather and this interfered with what were otherwise fairly good prospects for some catches in those waters.

Sch. Little Fannie, which was at this port yesterday with 80 barrels of bluebacks, found 300 mackerel among them. The fish were mostly large and the lot sold to Lufkin & Tarr at 34 cents each for large, 20 cents for mediums and 14 cents for small.

In among the loads of bluebacks which they brought in Sydney the steamer Bryda F. had 50 large mackerel and the sch. Reliance had 44.

Capt. Ralph Webber of sch. Clintonia, which was at T wharf yesterday with a nice bunch of fresh mackerel, makes a very interesting report. He says they got the fish off Minot's light just before dark Sunday and at the time four or five schools were showing, but they had no chance to make more than the one set. The captain says the fish were not wild and did not appear to be moving but were hanging in that vicinity. They were full of red feed and were apparently feeding there. When asked about the prospect, he said it appeared to him to be good in that vicinity.

Magdalen Island and Cape Shore salt mackerel continue very scarce and prices are high and firm. It is expected that curers who have been holding back their product, hoping to avoid paying duty in case the reciprocity treaty was adopted, will send some of their stocks to market shortly. Magdalen Island salt mackerel is \$3 a barrel higher than a week ago, says the Fishing Gazette.

Foreign Salt Mackerel Market.

The foreign salt mackerel market is still on the rise, says the Fishing Gazette. Prices continue stiffening week by week in spite of large importations at New York and other Atlantic coast ports. Norways are held very firm both here and in Europe, and most of the fish brought over has been sold before arrival. Norway No. 3s and 4s are up a dollar each, while a few Norway No. 2s are offered by one big dealer at from \$21 to \$24 a barrel. Irish mackerel is unchanged from last week in price.

The Strohmeier & Arpe Co.'s weekly report says the market for Norway mackerel shows a sudden advance in the prices. Our people cable that total shipments up to September 16 from Norway amounted to 2,011 barrels, which is quite a shortage. In Irish mackerel last week's shipments amounted to 1,035 barrels. This brings shipments this season of autumn mackerel to 53,636 barrels and spring mackerel to 3,473 barrels.

On Tuesday the Pennsylvania from Christiana brought to Boston 300 barrels of Norway mackerel. The Canadian the same day brought from Liverpool, Eng., 553 barrels to the same port. The Celtic on Monday brought to New York 153 barrels of salt mackerel, but the dealer who received it said it had been sold before it was shipped.

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Sailed for Destination.

The Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Natana, which came in here for a new mail boom on the way to Fairhaven, with a load of salt cod for the Kelly concern, sailed today for her destination.

Bait Scarce at Provincetown.

Bait has been scarce for the past three days at Provincetown and yesterday it blew so hard that the traps could not be hauled.

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TAKE ACTION ON BEAM TRAWLING

Master Mariners Condemned Method of Fishing at Meeting Yesterday.

Appointed Committee to Crystalize Feeling at Other Ports.

The inception of what is believed will result in a strong and mighty protest of the fishing and vessel owning interests of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts against the use of the otter and beam trawl took place at the rooms of the Master Mariners Association yesterday afternoon, when at one of the most largely attended meetings in recent years, the association went on record as condemning as strongly as possible, this method of fishing and appointed a committee to take up the active work of crystalizing this feeling among the master mariners, fishermen and fishing vessel owners at any and every possible port and later urge governmental action in the shape of prohibitive legislation.

The feeling that "something should and must be done" has prevailed for some time, not only here, but at T wharf, Provincetown and Portland, as well, and the marked effect of the big catches of the four otter trawlers at present in operation on the fresh fish market since last spring, together with the fact that two more are being built and more contemplated, and also that prominent skippers have felt forced to haul out of the market fishery because of the work of these crafts and seek to better themselves by going 15,000 miles to the Pacific coast, have had the effect of the local mariners association taking the lead in an effort to prevent a continuance of this style of fishing.

Work of Trawler Believed to Be Menace to Fish Supply.

Back of all this, too is the feeling, strong among masters, owners and fishermen themselves, that the continued operations of these trawlers, scraping over the fishing grounds and destroying countless numbers of young and immature fish, is the greatest menace to the future of the fisheries, the greatest danger the fisheries

have ever faced along this coast, and these reasons will be strongly urged in the fight against otter trawling.

At the meeting Vice-President Peter Grant presided and speeches were made by Capt. Jerome McDonald, Henry M. Atwood, Alfred Johnson, Carl C. Young, Norman A. Ross and others.

All were of one mind in the matter. The otter trawl was condemned as an agency which killed the young fish, stirred up the ground and if long allowed to continue in operation, would create a state of affairs whereby the nation's fish supply would be seriously affected.

It was also claimed by the speakers that if this method of fishing was allowed to continue all the efforts of the government in hatching fish to restock the fishing ground would go for naught and would be overwhelmed.

Adoption of Prohibitive Legislature to Be Urged.

It was unanimously voted that the association, representing the operative fishermen of New England, strongly condemn this method of fish destruction and urge upon the government the necessity of adopting prohibitive legislation.

A committee was then appointed to consider the whole matter and report the most expedient manner of securing the desired legislation and to use all means to secure the co-operation of all interested. The committee comprises Capt. Henry M. Atwood, chairman; Capt. John W. McFarland, Capt. John A. McKinnon, Capt. Carl C. Young and Capt. Charles H. Hart.

It was also voted to invite Congressman Gardner to meet the people here, so that he could learn their feeling in the matter. It is known that he has been for some time considering the subject of otter trawling and its effect on the fisheries and is in favor of legislation against it.

The committee will meet soon and start in on its campaign of interesting fishermen, skippers and fishing vessel owners all along the coast in the matter, to the end that the objection to this form of fishing will be of the strongest possible character.

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Herring Plentiful on Nova Scotia Coast

There has been a rather unusual catch of herring along the south shore of Nova Scotia during the past few weeks. The distribution of this favor among the fishermen has been very general and will very considerably help the trade prospects at the smaller fishing villages along the coast. Last year the catch of Nova Scotia herring was so small that it did not supply our domestic needs. This year, however, there are many more than we can use and we shall have to find a sale for them in the United States, the West Indies and wherever else we can.—Halifax Maritime Merchant.

Had Largest Cargo of Season.

The fishing smack Mineola arrived at Pensacola, Fla., last Monday morning, had the largest catch of fish landed there during the summer. It weighed out a little more than 30,000 pounds of red snapper. It is predicted that one of the best seasons that has ever been experienced by local fishermen is in store for them during the ensuing season. The men report the fish plentiful on the banks, but thus far they have been unable to induce them to bite.

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Newfoundland Cod Exports.

Showing how exports of Newfoundland codfish have fallen off this year, compared with last, the following figures are given out at St. John's. The exports of salt codfish from the port from August 1 to and including September 14, amounted to 88,605 quintals, against 112,568 quintals for the same period last year.

Sharks Destroyed Fish and Trawl.

Capt. Merton Hutchings of sch. Olive F. Hutchings, at T wharf yesterday reports setting right among a big school of sharks on Georges Sunday, which not only destroyed seven tubs of trawl but also bit and chewed the fish on a full mile of fishing gear.

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DOG FISH UTILIZATION.

During 1910, the three plants established by the fisheries department of Canada for the purpose of combating the dogfish nuisance (at Shippegan, Canso and Clark's Harbor, treated 1678 tons of dogfish and offal, and produced 345 tons of scrap, and 16,300 gallons of oil. The scrap was sold to farmers for fertilizer at from \$20 to \$30 a ton, and the oil found ready purchasers at about 28 cents a gallon.

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FISH RECEIPTS AGAIN LIGHT

FIVE ARRIVALS BRING HALIBUT, MACKEREL AND FRESH AND SALT FISH.

Light receipts continue to be the portion here. Yesterday afternoon the salt drifter Norma arrived with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and this morning sch. Corsair, from the same line of fishing, came in with 40,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Dauntless, one of the few seiners left, arrived this morning, with 33 barrels of salt mackerel which are on the market.

Sch. Agnes, of the fresh halibut fleet had a few of these fish, and a fair catch of salt cod and fresh fish while sch. Selma hauled for 15,000 pounds of halibut and some fresh and salt fish.

Quite a lot of herring bait was brought down from the westward by the torchers last evening, but the shore seiners did not go out yesterday, consequently there were no blueback catches in.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Norma, salt drifting, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Corsair, salt drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Selma, Cape Shore, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 18,000 lbs. salt cod, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Agnes, Quero Bank, 2000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Little Fannie, seining, 80 bbls. bluebacks, 300 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Dauntless, seining, 23 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. Georgianna, shore.
- Steamer J. O. Ellison, porgying.
- Sch. Quickstep, porgying.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Ingomar, shacking.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, shacking.
- Sch. Genesta, haddocking.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.
- Sch. Ramona, Georges handling.
- Sch. Mystery, halibuting.
- Sch. William H. Rider, pollocking.
- Sch. Lafayette, pollocking.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, pollocking.
- Sch. Galatea, pollocking.
- Sch. Massasoit, pollocking.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, pollocking.
- Sch. Fish Hawk, pollocking.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, pollocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.
- Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.65 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.00 for snappers.
- Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.62 1-2, snappers, \$3.
- Salt "drift" codfish, large, \$5.00 medium, \$4.50.
- Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.15 per cwt. for large and \$4.65 for mediums.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, medium, \$4.25.
- Haddock, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- Eastern shack cod, \$4.65 for large and \$4.10 for mediums.
- All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.
- Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.
- Fledged halibut, 9 cts. per lb.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.,
- Large cod, \$2.55 per cwt.; medium, \$2 per cwt.
- Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.50 per cwt. for large and \$2.05 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.20.
- Snapper cusk, 60 cts.
- Hake, \$1.00.
- Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.
- Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80 cts.
- Bank halibut, 10 1-2c per lb. for white and 8 1-2c for gray.
- Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.
- Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.
- Fresh mackerel, large 34 cts. each; mediums 20 cts.; small 14 cts.

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Halifax Fish Market Conditions.

The Halifax, N. S., Maritime Merchant says:

"The senior member of one of our largest fish firms was seated at his desk in solemn meditation, and when the Merchant man entered his sanctum he merely passed a courteous good morning and lapsed into silence.

"You are thinking about the markets" we ventured in a interrogatory way as a trial start for a conversation.

"Your perspicacity is excellent," was the answer that came back mildly but without hesitation. "I admit that I was."

"And would your well-known kindly disposition prompt you to lend us your conclusions with regard to this troublesome problem?"

"My friend," said he in a tone that might have proceeded from the sepulcher of one's grandfather; indeed I have reached none as yet. This, however, I will tell you. Fish costs in Halifax are too high to permit our doing business in foreign markets. Jamaica is being supplied from Newfoundland, and other West India places are either overstocked or are holding back orders with the expectation that our quotations will reach a parity of value with Newfoundland. Assuming, therefore, that Newfoundland prices go lower than they are today, we should be buying Lunenburg bank fish under \$5, in fact their intrinsic value is about \$4.50 as compared with St. John's prices of \$5.50 for large and small merchantable and \$5 for large and small Maderia. I may say to you further that we are losing money on what few sales of Lunenburg fish we are shipping these days. I knew we were likely to do so when we bought them, but one can't afford to stay out of the market entirely, even tho it isn't profitable, because that would endanger a sacrifice of one's foreign connection.

"I said to you that I had no settled conviction about the market. I will amend that statement a little. I have a conviction that prices here must be lower, but how much the decline will be none of us will know until we get some further news from Labrador. Our advices up to the present indicate that the total Labrador catch this year will be considerably better than last year, but it will still be short of an average catch; if I knew how much, I might be able to answer your question. Letters from St. John's say that the decline is due to the smaller number of people now engaged in the industry as compared with a few years ago. This is rather bad news, but I presume it is in consequence of the great disappointment that the Labrador fishermen experienced last year. I am hopeful, however, that there will still be sufficient fish to supply the need of this and the St. John's market during the present season, and the next ten days should bring us news from farthest north which will enable us to determine what our market's attitude will be.

"Passing along to a general discussion of the dried fish industry the speaker then said that there were several factors in the world's situation at the present time which had a tendency to depress prices. One of these was the good catch of Norway fish and the other the distressed condition of two of the large consuming markets of Europe. Italy is suffering from the ravages of cholera and Portugal is still in the throes of political unrest. The result is that other markets, such as the Brazils, are being flooded with supplies of fish, which would have gone to the afore-mentioned places. It is hard to get fishermen to fully appreciate what this means, but I can see, said he, that it might be quite possible with much less than an ordinary catch of dried fish in British North America for values to reach a point considerably below other years when world supplies were greater. I, of course, do not say that what I have mentioned will happen, I only say that it may. There are other things than quality that affects the market price."

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Portland Fish Notes.

The fleet of fishing vessels which have been fitting out at Central wharf Portland, the past week, have all gone to sea with the exception of the schooner George H. Lube, and the was expected to get away yesterday.

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FARES AT BOSTON MOSTLY SMALL

SCH. BELBINA P. DOMINGOES HAS
THE BEST TRIP OF THE
MORNING.

There are 20 trips of fresh fish at T wharf this morning but in the lot are very few that can be called large. The total gives a supply of haddock and cod which is no more than enough to meet demand. Also there are but few pollock in and the only fish in good supply is hake, which is low in price and not very largely called for by the trade just now.

Schs. Sadie M. Nunan and James and Esther have good sized hake trips. The steam trawler Ripple is among the arrivals with 48,000 pounds, mostly haddock.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes has the best trip of the day. She is from Georges and has 45,000 pounds of haddock and 20,000 pounds of codfish, which means a fine stock for her. Sch. Stiletto, for the eastward, hauls for 39,000 pounds of cod and 24,000 pounds of hake and if she gets out many of the former at the going price will come out well on the stock end also. Sch. Matchless also has a good paying trip from Georges and sch. Pontiac's fare of 39,000 pounds, 25,000 pounds of which are cod, will make a paying voyage. The pollockers in, five of them, all have small catches.

Haddock are selling at \$2.25 to \$2.50, large cod \$4.50 to \$6, pollock \$2.65 to \$2.75 and hake \$1 and \$2.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 4000 cod, 40,000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Azorean, 400 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Matchless, 20,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. James and Esther, 2000 cod, 50,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Olympia, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 28,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Steamer Ripple, 43,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Stiletto, 39,000 cod, 24,000 hake, 2000 pollock, 700 halibut.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 45,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Pontiac, 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 33,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 22,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Alice, 19,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Raymah, 25,000 haddock, 400 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 23,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 1000 cod, 35,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Motor, 3500 pollock.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 5500 pollock.
Sch. Grace Otis, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Rebecca, 24,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1500 hake.
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$2.65 to \$2.75; cusk, \$1.50.

Panama Whaling Trip.

The brig Viola, Capt. John A. Cook, arrived at Fayal, Azores, September 7, with 590 sperm taken since leaving Barbadoes in May last. The Viola has been out on her maiden trip since June 30, 1910, and has taken in the interval almost 16,000 barrels sperm oil and a big lump of ambergris. The vessel's stock to date, says the Provincetown Advocate, should far exceed that of the best previous record for vessels of her size, duration of voyage taken into account. If Capt. Cook and crew maintain their present pace, they will roll up the banner whaling stock of the ages.

The best summer season for whaling in a generation is indicated in despatches received by the New Bedford Board of Trade from Fayal, Azores Islands. Nine vessels of a fleet that has reached Fayal report 9040 barrels of sperm oil. Besides that the brig Viola secured 110 pounds of ambergris, valued at \$30,000.

Halifax Fresh Fish Receipts.

Fresh fish landings were light last week along the coast at Halifax, the total being 108,000 pounds. A few swordfish have been taken to the eastward but the size of mackerel are not as promising as they were a couple of weeks ago. The late plentiful run of herring seems to be practically over both east and west. Fishermen continue to make complaint of injury to their gear by dogfish, whose numbers are almost incredible.

Oct. 3.

MADE VISIT TO LABRADOR.

Representatives of Gloucester Fish
Concern Purchased 3000 Qtls.

The St. John's, N. F., Chronicle of September 21, says:

"The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. A. W. Piccott, who left by the steamer Ingraham on a visit to Labrador, accompanying Mr. Pearce, representative of Cunningham & Thompson, and Mr. Hall, representative of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, arrived here yesterday. The Ingraham, which went as far as Wolf Island, enabled Mr. Piccott to inspect some lighthouses at Exploits, Fogo, Wesleyville and Greenspond, and to do other business in connection with his department. Messrs. Pearce and Hall busied themselves with looking into the cure of fish, and the possibilities of doing business there on an extensive scale next season. During their visit some 3000 qtls. of made Labrador codfish have been bought by them, and the Indian Harbor question of demanding a standard price of \$4.20 per quintal, came to a speedy settlement by the Gorton-Pew Company promising \$4 and a guarantee that they will pay at all times the highest price available in St. John's. Both the representatives were rather surprised at the long stretch of coast where fish could be got and are determined that next year, if at all possible, their respective firms will extend their operation to the Labrador.

"Minister Piccott informs us that the fishery on the Labrador reported in the early part of the season, is not so good. A number of schooners coming south with poor catches. Some of them did fairly well, but on the whole, the early reports were somewhat exaggerated.

"During the five or six days the Ingraham was north the weather was fine. R. D. McRae & Son's schooner was the first to get away from the Labrador. Herring was plentiful during August month, but not so much at Wolf Islands, but a very good sign of fish when boats could get out.

"Capt. George Peeples, who is an agent for Messrs. Pearce and Hall, also went down in the Ingraham and stayed at Fogo until her return trip to buy some fish. Up to the end of the present month it is estimated that some 20,000,000 pounds of fish will be exported to Gloucester. The agents say though the fish is small, the staple is salted satisfactory to the United States trade and they also say the cure is excellent."

Porto Rico Market.

Recent Porto Rico advices state as follows:

Codfish—The trade is pretty well supplied and stocks move slowly. The market has a drooping tendency and dealers only cover their immediate needs.

Pollock are in very light supply, hence occasional sales are made at figures which form no criterion on quantities.

Haddock—Stocks are accumulating as the light consumption does not keep pace with the continuous arrivals. On usual net ex wharf basis, per 100 pounds, we quote codfish at \$1, pollock at \$5.40, haddock at \$5.

Oct. 3.

Monster Fish Shipments.

In port at St. John's, N. F., last week were two steamers, loading for Mediterranean ports and taking between them 35,000 qtls. of fish. Last week the steamer Rescue cleared for Naples, taking 12,000 quintals, on the way to St. John's is the steamer Amanda which ship takes a cargo of 15,000 quintals, also for Mediterranean ports. With the shipments left the Labrador since the 12th inst, practically 100,000 quintals of cod are on the way to the Mediterranean.

Fitting for Pollocking.

Sch. Pinta is fitting for pollocking, having hauled out of mackerel sein na, under command of Capt. Douglass McLean.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Selma sold to the New England Fish Company at 10-1-2 cents per pound for white and 8-1-2 cents for gray.

Porgy Steamers Coaled.

The porgy steamers Vesta and Quickstep were in here yesterday afternoon to coal.

Oct. 4.

SEVEN ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT

TWO PROVINCETOWN DORY
HANDLINERS WILL TAKE
OUT FISH HERE.

Two of the Provincetown dory handline codfishing fleet are here this morning, sch. Gladstone with 100,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Lottie Byrnes with 200,000 pounds. Both fares will be taken out here.

Sch. Lottie Byrnes has hauled in at the Cunningham & Thompson Company to take out her trip, and sch. Gladstone, also one of P. A. Whorff's fleet, will go in at the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. Mr. Whorff has two more dory handliners to arrive from Grand Bank, schs. American and Monitor. They will come here with their trips and it is understood that both of them are already placed.

Sch. Elector, Capt. Daniel Ryder, another of the dory handline fleet, is here this morning with a fare of 180,000 pounds of salt cod. This trip is on the market.

Sch. Eglantine, which came in during the night from salt drifting, has one of the best trips of the season in this line, her haul being for 60,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Carrie C. of the straight Georges handline codfishing fleet is among the arrivals this morning. She brings 17,000 pounds of salt cod.

Down from Boston this morning are schs. Belbina P. Domingoes with 35,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Stiletto with about the same amount. Both fares will go to the splitters.

Last night the torchers brought down 100 barrels of fresh herring. The bad weather has knocked the shore fleet out for the time being and consequently there are no bluebacks in.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Elector, dory handlining, 180,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Gladstone, dory handlining, 100,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Torchers, 100 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Lottie Byrnes, Grand Bank, dory handlining, via Provincetown, 200,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 17,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Eglantine, salt drifting, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Stiletto, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, haddocking.
Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.65 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.00 for snappers.
Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$4.85, snappers, \$3.
Salt "drift" codfish, large, \$5.00 medium, \$4.50.
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.15 per cwt. for large and \$4.65 for mediums.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, medium, \$4.25.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.75.
Eastern shack cod, \$4.65 for large and \$4.10 for mediums.
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.
Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.
Fledged halibut, 9 cts. per lb.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.,
Large cod, \$2.65 per cwt.; medium, \$2 per cwt.
Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.50 per cwt. for large and \$2.05 for mediums.
Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.20.
Snapper cusk, 60 cts.
Hake, \$1.00.
Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.
Dressed pollock, 90 cts.; round, 80 cts.
Bank halibut, 10-1-2c per lb. for white and 8-1-2c for gray.
Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.
Fresh bluebacks for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.
Fresh mackerel, large 34 cts. each; mediums 20 cts.; small 14 cts.

Pensacola Fish Notes.

The New York Fishing Gazette's Pensacola correspondent, under date of September 23, says:

"Two hundred thousand pounds of fresh fish were landed here during the week ending today, of which 187,000 pounds were red snapper, the catch of 12 smacks which carried 13,000 pounds of grouper on the side.

"E. E. Saunders & Co., had the bulk of the sea product, having 10 smacks against two for the Warren Fish Co. The Saunders vessels had 164,000 pounds of red snapper and 11,000 pounds of grouper. The Warren Fish Co. fleet had 23,000 pounds of red snapper and 2000 pounds of grouper.

"Arrivals of the week were: E. E. Saunders Co. Smack John M. Keen, 22,000 pounds red snapper, 2000 pounds grouper; smack Seaconnet, 20,000 pounds red snapper, 1000 pounds grouper; smack Ida M. Silva, 12,000 pounds red snapper, 3000 pounds grouper; smack Dorothy, 23,000 pounds red snapper, 3000 pounds grouper; smack Sheffeyid, 17,000 pounds red snapper, 2000 pounds grouper; smack Louise Harper, 17,000 pounds red snapper; smack Albert Geiger, 20,000 pounds red snapper; smack Kwasind, 21,000 pounds red snapper; smack Siam, 6000 pounds red snapper; smack Cavalier, 6000 pounds red snapper.

"Warren Fish Co.: Smack Halcyon, 11,000 pounds red snapper; smack Mary L. Harly, 12,000 pounds red snapper and 2000 pounds grouper."

The Halifax Fish Market.

The dry fish trade seems to be in a waiting mood.

The receivers are anxiously awaiting reports from the Labrador fishery, and until these come to hand more fully than at present, the trend of prices will be uncertain.

There has been some slight advance in the best grades of codfish, and the outlook for hank fish is also reported to be a little better, but the great determining factor is the Labrador catch, and there will necessarily be some uncertainty until this is determined. It seems probably, however, that prices are about as low as they will go this week.

There has been no September catch of herrings reported worth while, but it is still time for the poorer grade of fish to come along. A few lots of fat Magdalen Island mackerel have arrived, and sold at from \$18 to \$19 per barrel. We understand these fish were of fine quality and count from 10 to 130 per barrel.

Steam Trawler a Subject of Controversy.

The place of the steam trawler in the American and Canadian fishing waters is a subject of controversy. Unless there is a great change in the fish-eating habits of Canada, the trawler in our waters will be under a distinct disadvantage to that enjoyed in England and continental countries. Our people eat only certain kinds of fish, and the trawler scoops up great quantities of all kinds for which no market can be found in Canada; there will be direct loss as compared with the work of the trawler in the North Sea. If they are to be used in the salt fish trade, the loss will be the greater. As a matter of fact the place of the trawler is in the fresh fish trade, and so far as its use off the Canadian coast is concerned, it will seriously affect the vessels engaged in the Boston and Gloucester business.—Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast-Guard.

Secured Fish at Labrador.

The St. John's, N. F., Chronicle of September 20 said:

"The D. P. Ingraham, Capt. Rose, reached port at 3 p. m., yesterday from her trip to the Labrador in the interests of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. She called at Quirpon, Domino, Wolf Islands, Cape Charles and Battle Harbor, coaling at the latter place. We understand that some 6000 quintals of Labrador fish have been purchased as a result of the visit, and these will be collected by two schooners, which have been chartered by the company A. W. Piccott, Esq., minister of marine and fisheries, and the representative of the Gorton-Pew people, returned by the Ingraham."

Oct. 4.

Herring in Quantity.

Capt. Stevens of the Plum Island life saving station reports that at high tide yesterday morning he saw a number of schools of herring in the channels off Knobs beach. Monday evening a number of boats from Ipswich were noted in the vicinity, their crews torching for the fish. Several loads were obtained.